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coronal end" (Col. 6, lines 6-9) and that the "distal end 20 of the implant body 10 is slightly tapered towards the distal end 20" (Col. 7, lines 52-54). In addition, "the maximum diameter 40 of the compression moiety 38 in each segment 34 is the same as the maximum diameter 40 of the tension moiety in that segment 34" (Col. 6, lines 17-20) and therefore, it appears that the segments are not tapered. Therefore, O'Brien does not suggest or teach a threaded implant where "the implant threading has a slight conicity which extends along most or part of the length of the implant" (emphasis added) and where "said conical threading comprises two or more thread spirals", as claimed. In the absence of a suggestion or teaching in O'Brien regarding a threaded implant where "the implant threading has a slight conicity which extends along most or part of the length of the implant" and where "said conical threading comprises two or more thread spirals", the rejection of amended independent Claim 1 must be withdrawn. In addition, dependent claims 2-12 should also be allowed without recourse.

Anticipation of a claim requires the disclosure of each and every recitation as set forth in the claims in a prior art reference. *Titanium Metals Corp. v. Banner*, 227 USPQ 773 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *Orthokinetics, Inc. v. Safety Travel Chairs, Inc.*, 1 USPQ2d 1081 (Fed. Cir. 1986); *Akzo N.V. v. U.S. International Trade Commissioner*, 1 USPQ2d 1241 (Fed. Cir. 1986). There must be no difference between the claimed invention and reference disclosure for an anticipation rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102. *Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation v. Genetech, Inc.*, 18 USPQ2d 1001 (Fed. Cir. 1991); *Studiengesellschaft Kohle GmbH v. Dart Industries*, 220 USPQ 841 (Fed. Cir. 1984). In view of the foregoing authority, since the O'Brien fails suggest or teach each and every recitation of the claims, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Allowance of new claims 13-16 is also requested.

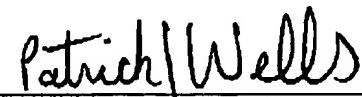
In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

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In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

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